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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner THERKORN	Art Unit 1723

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  
 If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  
 If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  
 Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  
 Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on MAY 7, 2001.  
 2a)  This action is FINAL.      2b)  This action is non-final.  
 3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 15-27 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
 7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8)  Claims 15-27 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 11)  The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a)  approved b)  disapproved by the Examiner.  
     If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.  
 12)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

13)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of:  
     1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
     2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
     3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
     \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).  
 a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.  
 15)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)      4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
 2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)      5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 4      6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 15-23, drawn to a sorbent..

Group II, claim(s) 24-26, drawn to a method of purifying a particular biological macromolecule.

Group III, claim(s) 27, an ion exchange column.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Claims 15-23 are either obvious or anticipated by Wenzhi (U.S. Patent No. 5,589,069). Accordingly, the special technical feature linking the inventions does not provide a contribution over the prior art, and no single inventive concept exists. Therefore, restriction is appropriate.

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In addition to the restriction requirement, the following election of species is required:

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Election I

The species are as follows:

Each zwitterionic group is considered to be distinct species.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner: For election I, each of the groups such as claim 23's sulfobetaine is directed to different species.

The following claim(s) are generic: claim 15 is generic.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The generic claim 15 is unpatentable. Each species is patentably distinct from each other species.

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**The specification lists the following references in the specification, which would appear to be essential for a proper examination of the application. They include:**

- 1) the two references on page 1 of the specification**
- 2) the seven references on page 2 of the specification**
- 3) the nine references on page 3 of the specification**
- 4) the three references on page 4 of the specification**
- 5) the four references on page 5 of the specification**
- 6) the five references on page 6 of the specification**

**It would be appreciated if applicant would submit copies of these references with his response to this office action. Such a timely submission would enhance the quality of examination. In addition, if applicant submitted the copies of these references with his response to this office action, no fee would be required.**

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to E. Therkorn at telephone number (703) 308-0362.



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